

The Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project has officially moved from the study stage to the first stage of implementation! To help with the upcoming Preliminary Engineering phase of the Project, DRPT signed the Commonwealth's first *transit* Public-Private Transportation Act Agreement with the Dulles Transit Partners, LLC in June.

In addition, DRPT and CSX Transportation signed a Master Construction Agreement that will move six rail projects forward. Details are below and on the back of this report.

While these major projects begin, many other outstanding projects were completed and earned public transit awards this last quarter. Highlights of accomplishments within DRPT and through our partners are provided below.

DRPT Major Accomplishments:

◆ **Passenger Rail Projects:** DRPT signed a Master Construction Agreement with CSX Transportation to allow the Richmond to Washington D.C. rail improvements to begin construction. *The Agreement was executed by CSX Transportation July 14, 2004.*

◆ **Freight Rail Projects:** Four Rail Industrial Access grants were awarded in June to the following: Mead Westvaco – Buckingham County; Best Eastern Transfer and Storage Corporation – Hanover County; Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc. – Henrico County; Pierce Hardy Ltd. – Prince William County.

◆ **Rail Preservation Program:** For the first time, the DRPT Six-Year Capital Improvement Program included the Rail Preservation Program.

◆ **Completed Work:** The *Virginia State Rail Plan* and *The Public Transportation, Rail and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Needs Report* were completed. The *DRPT Policy and Procedures Manual* was completely updated, approved and implemented.

◆ **Technical Assistance:** DRPT provided the following training and presentations to the state's transportation demand managers: Telework!VA technical training; Mystery Commuter Survey results and recommendations; TDM Marketing to Aging Baby Boomers presentation.

◆ **Successful Federal Audit:** DRPT was found to be in compliance in the administration of federal grants upon completion of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Financial Management Oversight Audit.

Accomplishments Through our Partners:

◆ **New Transit Service:** Chincoteague Transit service began with three trolleys and two routes Memorial Day weekend; Bay Transit began demand response service April 5 for Westmoreland County.

◆ **New Vehicles:** Loudoun County received twenty-two 55-seater Commuter Coaches to provide service from the county to Washington D.C. Each bus is equipped with a GPS antenna, bathroom, wheelchair lift with kneeling feature and a hands free microphone.

◆ **Improved Customer Service through Technology:** Two programs: Loudoun County's *Loudoun Clear* program, which provides text messaging of real time transit information to registered riders; and Alexandria Transit's *Dash Link* program, which enables supervisors to provide transit information to riders along the route with laptop computers, recently received statewide recognition for innovation.

◆ **National Recognition:** CART, a human service transportation agency in Harrisonburg, was named the *Rural Transit System of the Year* at the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) EXPO 2004. Other winners include: Derek Doss, Blacksburg Transit - *Driver of the Year* and Danny Stallard, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, *Third Place* in the *Body-on-Chassis Division* - National Driving Roadeo.

◆ **Contract Awarded:** VRE awarded the Quantico Bridge Project Construction Contract to Abernathy Construction Corporation. Construction will begin July 2004.

DRPT is proud of the accomplishments achieved through our partners this past quarter. DRPT looks forward to maximizing resources in the upcoming fiscal year to help meet the mobility and economic development needs of the Commonwealth.

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Project	Start Date	End Date	Est. Cost	Apprvd Budget	Actual Cost	Status	Results/ Comments
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Northern Virginia District

Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project – NEPA	Mar 2000	Nov 2004	\$45.6M	\$45.6M		On Schedule and On Budget.	DRPT will seek a Record of Decision for the entire project.
Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project – PE I & II / Project Development I	July 2004 (estimate – PE I & II / Project Dev. I)	Nov 2005 (PE I) May 2006 (PE II/PDI)	\$39.3M \$48M	\$39.3M \$48M		Project Director must be hired prior to beginning Preliminary Engineering.	A Project Director will be hired in July. Notice-To-Proceed will then be provided to Dulles Transit Partners.
VRE - Dispatch Consolidation	Sep 2003	Nov 2003	\$91K	\$91K	\$91K	Project complete. On schedule and on budget.	Misrouting of VRE trains reduced and average train speed increased.
VRE - L'Enfant Third Main	Jun 2002	May 2005	\$4.9M	TBD		On Schedule. ***	VRE can add one additional midday train
VRE - SRO to RO Third Main	Jun 2002	Jun 2005	\$3.9M	TBD		On Schedule. ***	VRE to add 1 Fred'burg and 1 Manassas train.
VRE - AF Interlocking	Jul 2000	Oct 2001	\$12.5M	\$13.2M	\$14.4M	Completed On Schedule. \$1.2M CSX cost overrun	1 midday VRE train. 47% decrease in delays.
VRE - Franconia Third Main	Jun 2002	Dec 2005	\$11.5M	TBD		On Schedule. ***	One additional VRE train to Fredericksburg.
VRE - Quantico Creek Bridge	Sep 2002	Dec 2006	\$21.1M	\$23.2M		On Schedule. Construction will begin July 2004	Will eliminate only single track section corridor. Project managed by VRE

Fredericksburg District

VRE - Arkendale Crossovers	Jun 2002	Apr 2005	\$5.5M	TBD		On Schedule. ***	VRE can add one additional midday train.
VRE - Fredericksburg Third Main	Jun 2002	Dec 2005	\$18.4M	TBD		Delayed. Insufficient funding. Review underway.***	VRE to add 1 Fred'burg and 1 Manassas train.

Richmond District

VRE - Ellet's Crossover	Jun 2002	Jun 2005	\$6.8M	TBD		On Schedule. ***	VRE to add 1 Fred'burg and 1 Manassas train.
Richmond Area Improvements	Jan 2002	May 2005	\$15.6M	TBD		Delayed. Schedule and Budget being negotiated with CSX.	Reduce train travel time from Staples Mill to Main Street by 5 minutes

Bristol District

TransDominion Express	Feb 2001		\$120.0M	\$9.3M		Preliminary Studies Complete. Option to purchase a train from VRE	DRPT Staff is reviewing alternatives for limited service initiation
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Passenger Rail Studies

Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor EIS	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	\$1.5M	\$1.5M		On Schedule and On Budget.	Study being conducted by North Carolina DOT.
Richmond/ Hampton Roads Pass. Rail Study	Sep 2003	Dec 2004	\$0.96M	\$0.96M		On Schedule and On Budget.	Identify optimal passenger rail service for Hampton Roads region.

*** Agreement with CSX Transportation for construction of projects on Washington to Richmond corridor signed on July 14, 2004.